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Committee to research new degree

Group formed to inspect
proposal for a degree
that doesn't have major

By NATALIE GOTT
Staff editor

The Council on Academic Affairs Thursday composed an ad hoc committee that will make additions to a proposal that allows students to get a degree without declaring a major.

The committee will specify how many students will be able to participate in the Individualized Studies Program, said CAA member Bill Addison.

The current proposal does not specify how many students would participate in the program.

"I don't see it very large," said Kaye Woodward, director of the Board of Governors Degree Program. "I want (the program) to start slowly in measured steps."

The CAA did not set a time table for the committee to report back to the CAA.

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Campus to have different hours over spring break

By MANDY MILCAREK
Staff writer

Special hours will be instituted throughout the campus next week as a result of the Spring Break holiday.

Booth Library will close at 4:45 p.m. today and will not be open on Saturday or Sunday. The library will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. It will be closed again March 22 and will be open from 4 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. March 23. Normal hours will resume March 24.

The Student Recreation Center will close today at 4 p.m. It will not reopen Saturday, but will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. It will be closed again March 22, but on March 23 it will be open from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Normal hours will resume March 24.

The Martin Luther King Jr. University Union will close today at 5 p.m. and will remain closed Saturday. The building will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The building will be closed again March 22 and open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. March 23.

The union bookstore will close today at 5 p.m. and remain closed Saturday through March 23. Normal hours of all union businesses will resume March 24.

On Friday, dinner meals in dining services will be consolidated to Gregg Triad. Dining services will be closed over the break and will resume its normal hours March 24.

The campus computer network will not be up from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday as a result of a scheduled power outage in Student Services Building.



Above: Fire hoses lie unused at the Central Illinois Public Service Co. underground storage facility located near Ashmore, after local fire protection volunteers put out a natural gas fire that blazed from an alleged explosion.

Left: An Ashmore Fire Protection volunteer pulls out flaming materials from the burning CIPS building Thursday afternoon.

CIPS building explodes

A building at the Central Illinois Public Service Co. underground storage facility exploded Thursday afternoon a few miles south of Ashmore.

Ashmore Fire Protection volunteers were called to the scene after a call came in at about 12:30 p.m., a volunteer firefighter said.

CIPS officials were unavailable for comment Thursday.

The explosion tore sections of roof from the two-story building that houses engines that help pump natural gas from underground caverns to nearby communities.

No one was injured in the explosion, but two workers were on the site at the time of the explosion.

Senate hoping to inform more students Members say communications would improve representation

Editor's note: This is the last in a series looking into the history, effectiveness and future of Eastern's Student Government.

By MATT ADRIAN
Staff writer

Working to better inform students is a goal many Student Senate members say would improve their representation of Eastern's student body.

"I think (the senate) should get students more informed," said senate member Paul Hevesy. Students should not have to seek out information about Student Government, he said. Student Government should go and inform the students.

Hevesy suggested that senate members take information to their classes to get student's reactions to campus issues. Focusing on informing students could lead to higher voter turnout and a more educated student body, he said.

Senate member Catherine Degreve said all senate members attend a meeting

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— Ruthie Rundle,
chair of the University
Relations Committee

of a recognized student organization, but they need to do something outside of those organizations and talk to the general campus population.

Degreve suggested Student Government hold forums in residence halls. She said the forums would be a good way to reach freshmen, and get them interested in the senate.

"It boils down to basic communication skills," said Ruthie Rundle, chair of the University Relations Committee.

Senate members need to take any opportunity to discuss campus issues with students whenever possible, she said. Conversely, students also should

take some responsibility to contact senate members and voice concerns they have about Eastern, Rundle said.

The issue of representation by the senate has been especially focused on by student organizations. On Feb. 26, senate members met with various organizations to discuss concerns about the 10-member rule. The rule states that an organization must have 10 members to be officially recognized by the university.

At last Wednesday's senate meeting a committee was formed to look into the problem. Lutalo McGee, president of the Black Greek Council, said he was impressed with some senate members supporting changing the 10-member rule.

The university relations committee is attempting to implement some measures to improve communications with student organizations and the general student body, Rundle said. Plans for the organizations include an e-mail account that would help Student Government keep in touch with the organizations. The

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Democrats return donations from two Native American tribes

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The Democratic National Committee said it returned a \$107,000 donation from two impoverished Indian tribes on Thursday, saying it could not keep money from a group that thought government influence came only at a price.

The Cheyenne-Arapaho tribes made the donation last year in hopes of winning back 7,500 acres of land seized by the federal government a century ago. To make the contribution, the tribes drained an emergency relief fund.

The DNC said it mailed back the donation on Thursday.

"There seems to be a link in the minds of the tribes' members that they needed to give this money in order to be heard on an official government matter," DNC chairman Steve Grossman and Roy Romer said in a news release from Washington.

"That is not the case, and we cannot retain this money if they believe that to be so," they said.

The party said it accepted



the contribution to help the party expand its American Indian voter registration but gave it back because of the tribes' position on why it made the donation.

The DNC also said it was unsure which tribal fund the donation came from. The Interior Department is investigating whether federal money was used to make the political donation.

Charles Surveyor, chairman of the tribal business committee, said he will take the money back. "I'm not going to turn it down," Surveyor said late Thursday.

Earlier Thursday, however, he said the tribe made the donation in good faith and said he would not accept the money. But, he said, if the DNC insisted the money be returned, he would have no choice but to take it.

RHA nominates members to honorary status

The Residence Hall Association Thursday nominated 11 of its members to the National Residence Hall Honorary.

RHA President Matt Donoho said the National Residence Hall Honorary is the RHA's way of recognizing the top one percent of student leaders living in residence halls.

These students play an active

role in the recycling program, campus cleanups and other programs the RHA is involved in.

The students nominated to the National Residence Hall Honorary were Tommi Jo Devore, Ella Jones, Matt Luttmann, Erica Mason, Misti Novander, Micah Taylor and Melissa Velon.

The RHA also discussed the

"Shadow of Execs" program. Donoho said this program allows students to follow RHA executives and decide if they would like to become an RHA executive.

Donoho said the program would start after spring break. He said anyone interested in getting involved with "Shadow of Execs" should contact him.

Texaco executive receives indictment

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — The former Texaco executive who secretly taped himself and his colleagues plotting to destroy evidence in a race-discrimination case was indicted Thursday after an apparent attempt to get him to testify against higher-ups failed.

Richard Lundwall, 55, was charged with obstruction of justice for allegedly trying to destroy documents.

Lundwall had turned over secretly recorded tapes in which he and other Texaco executives belittled blacks and plotted to destroy evidence sought by the plaintiffs in the discrimination suit. The tapes led to a \$176 million settlement of the lawsuit late last year.

Lundwall was arrested in November on an obstruction complaint.

SENATE

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plan also includes a connection board that would increase communication between the various organizations.

Displaying pictures of senate members in the walkway of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union is another way of making senate members more visible to students, Rundle said.

By going to various meetings, senate members can learn of student concerns and bring them up in senate meetings, said senate member Jackie McGrath.

"(Senate members) should stay on top of university

issues," McGrath said. She said by staying abreast of student concerns, the senate can better represent students.

"I think those ideas are very promising," McGee said. If the senate makes informing students a priority, McGee said, people should get more interested with the organization.

"By making an issue (of informing students) everything should be fine," McGee said.

"If they follow through and stay true to their convictions, it is a step in the right direction," said Moran Beasley, president of the Multi-Cultural Student

Union. "Words are one thing, actions are another.

"Student Government needs to be more vocal with students and let (students) know what is going on," said Beasley. The recent protest and petition against the proposed abolishment of the Apportionment Board has shown the senate that students want to be involved, Beasley said.

He said a majority of senate members are interested in better representing the students, and even a little effort would get more students involved with Student Government.

COMMITTEE

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Addison and CAA members Jill Owen and Jackie McGrath will serve on the committee with Will Hine, dean of the College of Adult and Continuing Education. The Individualized Study Program would be housed in this college. The CAA will vote whether to implement the Individualized Studies Program after they hear the report from the committee.

The Individualized Studies Program would allow students to create their own curriculum that caters to their specific needs, Hine said.

"We feel we have a number of students ... for whom this would be a valuable service," said Mary Kelm, director of the Academic Assistance Center.

The program would benefit students who know that they want to study multiple subjects, students who don't have the required grade point average to get into a certain major and students who are running out of financial resources, Kelm said.

But some CAA members said the program might help the university more than it would help the students.

"This seems like a way to make reten-

tion figures and graduation figures look good," said CAA member Anita Shelton.

The Individualized Studies Program would be run as an experiment. A faculty advisory committee, composed of two representatives from each of the four colleges and a representative from the vice president for academic affairs' office, will give annual reports to the CAA. At the end of three years, the CAA would decide if the program should continue.

"We can keep the tether in our hands and we can do some monitoring," said CAA member Al Horney.

Students who want to participate in the program would present a statement of their educational purposes and goals to a School of Adult and Continuing Education faculty advisory committee. The student will come up with a list of courses he or she will take to complete the degree.

A part-time adviser, which the university would hire, would work the student to come up with the plan, said Charles Evans, associate vice president for academic affairs.

"I see this as working in collaboration

with CAA," Hine said.

The faculty advisory committee for the Individualized Studies Program would approve the students curriculum, Hine said.

Addison also said he hopes the ad hoc committee will draft a statement that says students who participate in the Individualized Studies Program can not change their curriculum once they have developed it.

Students in this program would receive a bachelors of arts or a bachelors of science degree with the title of Individualized Study Program.

Some faculty members said the proposal side steps the purpose for setting requirements for majors.

"There is a big difference in majoring in an area and just having to take courses," Gary Aylesworth, chair of the philosophy department told CAA members. "We already have a good general education program for all students."

McGrath, who serves on the CAA as a Student Senate representative, said she sees a lot of potential for student abuse of this college.

Several CAA members said that Eastern offers ways that students can graduate with a double major or have several minors and the program might not be necessary.

"I have a hard time seeing where such a student wouldn't find a combination of majors that would suit them," said CAA member Tim Mason.

Other CAA members said the program would serve as means for students to graduate without completing some of the more difficult courses.

"I'm afraid this looks like a back door for students to get out of the university," Addison told CAA members.

Evans said the program would help students who need the extra help to graduate.

"It's misleading to think of this as a majorless degree," Evans said. "It's an opportunity (for students) to pick and choose among a variety of courses."

The University of Chicago and Indiana University have individualized studies programs.

The Individualized Studies Program does not replace the BOG Degree program, which is still operating, Kelm said.

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Eastern President David Jorns receives a plaque from Josh Renken, president of the Beta Gamma chapter of Sigma Pi fraternity, on behalf of Sigma Pi fraternity's 100th international anniversary Thursday evening at the Sigma Pi fraternity house on Sixth St.

Cultural awareness focus of week

By DEANA POOLE
Activities editor

Increasing people's awareness and understanding of different cultures is the focus of the fifth annual Cultural Awareness Week.

Cultural Awareness Week is sponsored by the Multi-Cultural Student Union and will be held from March 24 to 27.

"The purpose is to make people aware that we can all learn about people's culture without actually being a part of it," said Moran Beasley, executive director of Multi-Cultural Student Union.

"(Students will) learn there are similarities between cultures not as different as people would like to believe," Beasley said. He also said students will gain a better understanding of other cultures by attending events.

The week will begin with a presentation by a co-worker of Martin Luther King Jr.

James Orange will present "At the River I Stand" at 7 p.m. March 24 in Room 120 of Coleman Hall.

"He will address the Civil Rights Movement of the past, present and what the plans are for the future," Beasley said.

Orange was involved with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1963 and

worked with Martin Luther King Jr. He was involved with the movement prior to the passage of the Civil Rights Act.

Orange is co-coordinator of Jobs with Justice, a member of the Coalition of Labor Union Women and is associated with the Atlanta Labor Council.

A video titled, "At the River I Stand" will be shown prior to Orange's speech. Beasley said the video will show the events surrounding King's assassination and addresses the struggle for civil rights.

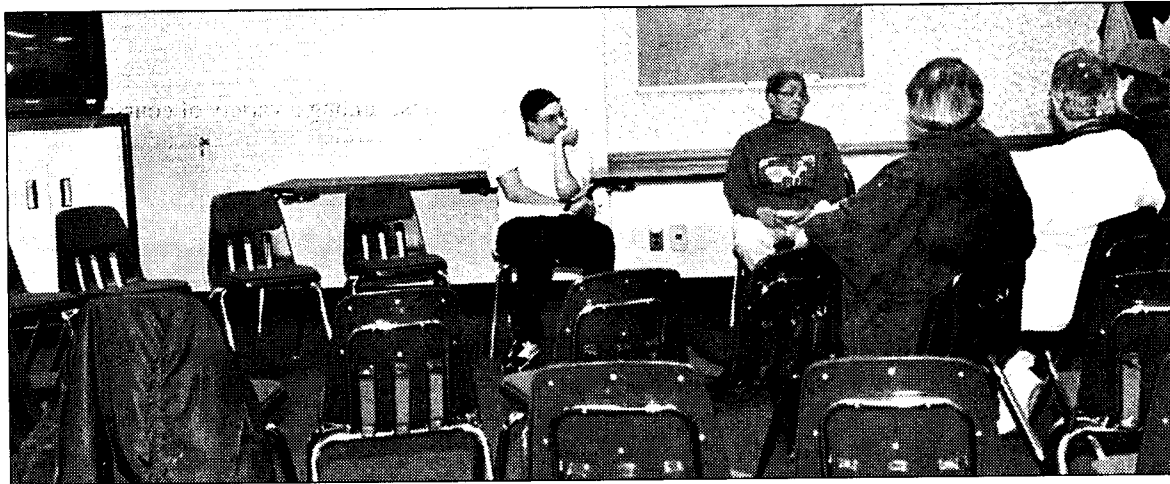
A panel discussion titled, "Integration without Assimilation - Is Multiculturalism Possible," will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 25 in the Stevenson Hall Lobby.

"There has been a lot of events about multiculturalism and concern with multicultural aspects," Beasley said. He said the discussion will help address the concerns students have.

"It's a broad topic but I want the most discussion possible," Beasley said.

A service project at the Newman Catholic Center also is planned as part of Cultural Awareness Week. The project will be held at 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 26.

"We will be taking care of kids whose parents are working," Beasley said.



No Show

SARAH WONG/Associate photo editor

David Perez (left), a junior speech communication major, and Annette Samuels, an associate professor of the journalism department, are among four people in the task force meeting. The meeting for the task force organized to focus on bridging the gap between race and community relations in the Charleston and Eastern communities was cancelled because of low attendance. The meeting will be rescheduled at its earliest convenience after spring break.

Low voter turnout to continue in 1997

Uncontested faculty elections look to be the lowest turnout yet

By CHAD GALLAGHER
Staff writer

Voter turnout for faculty elections has decreased four consecutive years, and with numerous seats uncontested in the upcoming March 26 and 27 elections, officials believe faculty turnout could reach a new low.

"I would be real surprised if we get 200 faculty votes," said James Tidwell, Faculty Senate election committee chair.

"I hope I'm wrong, but there is little competition."

Only half of the 32 positions in the upcoming election are contested.

A mistake by the elections committee allowed a sixth additional applicant for Faculty Senate, making the five open senate seats now contested.

The minimal competition is only one indicator that voter turnout will likely be low.

Recent trends show decreasing voter turnout since 1990, when 397 of the 640 eligible faculty cast ballots, or 62 percent - the largest turnout in more than 10 years.

But since 1990, there has been a steady decline in voters. Ballot totals reached bottom in 1996 when 191, or 29 percent, of faculty voted.

Reasons for the low competition and voter turnout range from apathy to not knowing who is running for what position.

"Sometimes faculty may not know people and rather than vote for someone they don't know, they just don't vote," said Gail Richard, Faculty Senate chair.

Richard said the low voter turnouts could also express an apathetic satisfaction the faculty has regarding the university.

"People feel less motivated to get involved if they are satisfied with what is going on," she said.

"When things are problematic people become more active and verbal - maybe there is a positive to the low numbers."

Tidwell said another reason may be that departments are increasingly putting more importance on faculty service within disciplines rather than university-wide service.

"If a non-tenured person is looking at service records, he or she has a choice whether to stress campus or departmental work," he said.

"Maybe certain areas are stressing more local service, which would prompt less

Sixth person added to the senate race

By CHAD GALLAGHER
Staff writer

A sixth person was added to the list of instructors vying for a seat on the Faculty Senate in the March 26 and 27 elections.

Nancy Marlow, professor of management and marketing, will be allowed to run for the senate because of an error made by the election committee, said James Tidwell, senate election committee chair.

With Marlow's addition, six candidates will run for the five open senate seats.

Marlow originally sought a seat on the University Personnel Committee representing the business department, but that seat was mistakenly advertised as vacant by the elections committee.

The Faculty Senate voted Tuesday to allow Marlow to run for a new position of her choice because she filed her petition on time.

The senate will allow the change if Marlow recirculates her petition gathering initials adjacent to the existing signatures. The initials would validate Marlow's run for the senate not the UPC, the senate concluded.

The other five candidates for Faculty Senate include: John Allison, associate professor of English; Bonnie Irwin, assistant professor of English; Gail Lockart, assistant professor of elementary and junior high education; Eleanor Midkiff, associate professor of psychology; and Lankford Walker, associate professor of accounting and finance.

involvement in university governing bodies."

When compared to Student Government elections turnout, the faculty have always had better voter participation.

In 1990, - the year faculty turnout peaked at 62 percent, - student election totals reached an all-time high of 23 percent.

Since 1990, only four of the 14 student elections produced a turnout higher than 15 percent.

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Faculty apathy is not the only explanation for uncontested seats

Only half of the 32 open positions in the upcoming faculty elections are contested, which leads people to automatically assume faculty members are apathetic to the university.

What are the faculty doing that they don't have time to serve on committees that work for bettering the university?

Are the faculty busy serving as advisers to student organizations, doing research or taking on special tasks?

Or, do the faculty lack care and concern for university issues?

Editorial

People ask these questions, often times comparing them to the encouragement for students to get involved with campus activities.

However, what many do not think about is that faculty members are greatly involved with the university, perhaps not with Faculty Senate.

Some faculty members do not get involved with Faculty Senate for lack of knowledge on what the representative body does. Other faculty members may feel Faculty Senate is not consistent with its service to the campus; only when immediate issues face the university does Faculty Senate take a stance.

It is unfair to call faculty apathetic. They may not participate in Faculty Senate, but most are active within their departments, with recognized student organizations and with community activities such as church affiliations or volunteer groups.

Also considering the various departmental requirements imposed on faculty members, the Eastern community cannot expect faculty members to become involved in everything.

It is important for faculty to be concerned with the university, whether it is by becoming a member of Faculty Senate or serving as an adviser to a student organization. And it is expected that faculty would offer their opinions when pressing issues come up.

But it is inaccurate to blame uncontested seats for the faculty elections on faculty apathy.

Jorns sighting of the week

Because students have complained about the visibility of President David Jorns, *The Daily Eastern News* will provide a glimpse of him during his weekly activities at the end of each week.



SARAH WONG/Associate photo editor
President Jorns relaxes and visits with Vice President for Student Affairs Lou Hencken and other faculty after his State of the University Address Tuesday.

Students disregard logic on spring break

Spring break is finally here, and many students will never read this column because they have skipped today's classes to begin the vacation a day early.

Students are now on their way to beaches in California, Florida or Texas while you read this newspaper.

But no matter where students head for break, it amazes me the lengths they will go to enjoy a week off.

For instance, many students heading to a beach this weekend have placed themselves at health risks by tanning at local salons.

Tanning salons this week scheduled customers as late as midnight to accommodate college students who are getting ready for spring break.

Salon owners said their business increased at least 50 percent, adding that spring breakers don't want to look pale while perusing the beaches on their week off.

They may not be pale after fake baking a few hours in a human-sized microwave, but these tanned-skin-wanna-bees face more problems than light skin complexion.

Besides having orange skin that looks like a piece of shoe leather, false tanners also may face a battle with skin cancer.

Skin cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer in the United States, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Statistics also show skin cancer was the cause of death to approximately 9,400 people in 1996.

Since research shows that exposure to ultraviolet light influences the development of skin cancer, it is obvious that tanning at a salon is dangerous.

Some students have said they are tanning before spring break to protect themselves from the harsh sunlight.

However, tanning indoors provides very little sun screen protection, and fake baking before a trip to the beach will not prevent sunburn.

These fake tanners simply want to look good on spring



TRAVIS SPENCER
Regular columnist

"It's unbelievable how 'broke' college students are until they jump on a plane for the coast."

break. They are willing to put their health in danger to be attractive.

It just goes to show that beauty and fashion are more important than health or respect for their bodies.

Another amazing aspect of spring break is the amount of money spent in one week.

Some Eastern students literally spend \$2,000 for the week off. They either take a lavish cruise across the Caribbean or rent an

ocean-side condominium in Florida. It seems money has no limitations when it comes to spring break. Credit cards get maxed out, savings accounts get emptied and checks probably bounce to the bank. Some students will even work all summer to save money just for their spring break trip.

It's unbelievable how "broke" college students are until they jump on a plane for the coast.

Besides financial and health priorities, some students who hit the coast for spring break are blind to safety precautions. Students will find themselves trusting other spring breakers that they have never met.

Beach parties and other spring break rendezvous sometimes lead to fights, rapes, transmission of sexual diseases and many other dangerous repercussions. As fun as spring break may be, it is a haven for violence and danger at some of the "favorite" sites.

All in all, spring break is exciting. But that same excitement causes students to set aside logic and get involved in situations from which they normally would guard themselves.

Students deserve a break from school. But hopefully they won't sacrifice their entire financial budget, disregard their health or place themselves in dangerous positions while relaxing in a place far away from Charleston.

-Travis Spencer is editor in chief and a regular columnist for The Daily Eastern News. His e-mail address is cutss@uxa.ecn.bgu.edu.



Professor's approach to pointing out errors will not solve problem

Dear editor:

Although I too am guilty of asking restaurant managers to put the apostrophe in "Today's Special" and of sending personal notes to selected writers of *The Daily Eastern News* concerning "affect" and "effect," "to" and "too." I must take the issue with the tone of Norman Spencer's recent letter to the editor.

Professor Spencer, whose knowledge of English and many other languages is superior (a basic requirement for a tenured position in any foreign language department), understandably is irritated by the incorrect use of "sublessor." However, if his goal is to influence Eastern students to use standard English, calling them "as dumb as before," and each student advertiser a "happy" "ignoramus," is not the best approach.

your turn

Most students looking for "sublessors" will hook up with others who need housing, although all may use "non-words," their messages are clear.

Unfortunately, Professor Spencer's message is also clear - and unnecessarily insulting.

Sure, there are mistakes in the school newspaper, but we know that our student journalists learn as they go. Some of my best friends, who got their start at *The Daily Eastern News*, are now enjoying top jobs and excellent salaries at newspapers with huge circulations. Go figure.

There is no university professor alive or dead who has not been discouraged, at times, by students' poor performance. However, as most first year teachers soon learn, calling students names usually exacerbates the problem. When this name-calling is done in public, it only serves to confirm what many folks "in the rest of

the English-speaking world" believe - that college professors have an exaggerated sense of their own importance and, perhaps, too much time on their hands.

L. Devon Flesor
English instructor

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University transition to 911 emergency system delayed

By CHRISTIAN SCHIAVONE
Staff writer

University Police Chief Tom Larson told Staff Senate members Thursday he hopes the 911 system in Coles County will be implemented by late April.

The original implementation date of the 911 system was April 7.

"It is going to be a gradual transition to the 911 system," Larson said.

Currently, all emergency calls on campus are routed through the University Police Department's dispatchers at the University Police Station, Larson said.

Starting March 17, all emergency calls to the University Police Department will be routed through a new dispatch system that will eventually serve all of Coles County, Larson said.

Trained dispatchers at the main office then will notify the appropriate authorities for the emergencies, Larson said.

"If you have an emergency, dial 3212, and later in April dial 911, and you will be transferred if it is not an emergen-

cy," Larson said. "If you want someone specifically at the University Police Department, dial 3213 and you will reach the central office."

Larson said that when the 911 system is operational, dispatchers will be able to identify exactly what room and building the call is coming from, enabling the emergency personnel to arrive quicker than with the current system.

"The dispatchers will know if the student is handicapped or if the student has special needs before the response," Larson said.

University Police are going to conduct test runs to ensure the 911 system is locating calls correctly.

Earlier last week, Mattoon residents were asked to dial 711 to check that the location in the 911 computers matched their telephone numbers, Larson said.

"The Mattoon tests were 99 percent error free," Larson said.

The university will begin its testing the week following spring break, Larson said.

"Students (on campus) should dial 9711 to reach the dispatch and check that their location in the 911 dispatch is the

same as their phone number," Larson said.

Larson said when the system is fully operational students can dial either 9711 or 911 and both numbers will reach the dispatch office.

After this testing of the system, all that remains for the university to transfer completely to the 911 system is to move a control panel that monitors fire alarms and blue light specials on campus from the University Police Station to the new dispatch, Larson said.

Larson said the old control panel at the University Police station frequently gives false alarms and will be replaced with a newer panel that works more efficiently.

"The new panel will be efficient and accurate and will make the university much safer," Larson said.

The new panel is expected to be installed sometime in August, and at that time the entire 911 operation will be operated from the new centralized dispatch center across from Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center on Route 16.

The 911 system will give other agencies access to criminal records and increase communication between the University Police Department and other agencies, Larson said.

Two candidates to run for Academic Program Elimination

Editor's note: This is the sixth story in a series focusing on the candidates for the faculty elections.

By JILL JEDLOWSKI
Staff editor

Several open positions on four university committees will be filled during the faculty elections on March 26 and 27.

The two candidates running for a seat on the Academic Program Elimination Review Committee to represent the physical education, leisure studies and health studies departments are Lori Davis, assistant professor of physical education and John Weber, assistant professor of leisure studies.

Davis said the committee members survey the needs, employment rates and count the students that are in that major to decide whether a course should be eliminated from the university.

Davis said in her three years as an Eastern faculty member, the APERC is the first university committee position she has run for.

"I'm interested in making sure that programs aren't eliminated that don't need to be," Davis said.

"I'd like to make sure that when a program is eliminated, it's for the right reason," she said. "The best interests of the students should be kept in mind."

Weber said he wants to become a member of the APERC because he wants to get involved with Eastern at the university level. In his two years at Eastern, he's been involved in college-level committees, such as the Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee.

"I'd like to do a review of the programs on campus to see where the weaknesses and strengths are," Weber said.

No candidates from the library, counseling and education departments are seeking a position on the APERC.

Howard Price and Rosemary Buck are the contenders from the College of Arts and Humanities for a position on the Enrollment Management Advisory Committee.

Price, an assistant professor of journalism, is currently the chair of the College of Arts and Humanities and serves on the Judicial Board and the Apportionment Board.

"I feel that I can make a contribution because I've been here 13 years and I know the university," Price said.

■ Three candidates vie for seats on the Council on Teacher Education.

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"I deal with a lot of new students in my Journalism and Democracy class," he said. "I feel I can be an effective member of the committee in making suggestions on enrollment and admissions."

Buck, an assistant professor of English, was unavailable for comment.

The third group that is holding an election is the University Personnel Committee. Judith Ivarie and Ron Gholson are the candidates from the education departments.

The UPCs recommend retention, promotion and tenure for faculty members to Terry Weidner, vice president for academic affairs.

"It's pretty highly structured - each department develops its own criteria," Ivarie said.

Ivarie, a professor of special education, has never served on the UPC. In her 15 years at Eastern, she has served on the Council on Academic Affairs, the Council on Graduate Studies and was the chair of

the University Academic Assessment Committee.

"I think helping the faculty get retained and promoted is very important to their professional lives," she said. "And that's important to helping students."

"Ron and I aren't too competitive," Ivarie said. "Whoever gets the voters pick, it's a win/win situation."

Gholson, a professor of secondary education and foundations, joined Eastern 20 years ago and served on the UPC in the early '80s.

"I enjoyed my work on the UPC many years ago, and I'd like to serve on it again," he said.


Gholson also has been a part of Faculty Senate, the CAA and the CGS.

"I believe I can be of service to the university," he said. "I want to stay involved and help fellow faculty members continue to be involved."

There are no representatives for the family and consumer sciences and technology departments.

Andrew Methven, a professor of botany, is running uncontested for the position to represent the botany, geology/geography and zoology departments.

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Five people report incidents of car vandalism this week

By BRITT CARSON
and SCOTT BOEHMER
Staff editors

Three Eastern students and two Charleston residents reported to police that they found broken windows, slashed tires and scratches on their cars this week.

Judy Lang, 46, of rural Charleston, reported that at 12:25 a.m. Wednesday in the 300 block of Third Street several unknown individuals smashed the rear and front windshields of her vehicle, the driver's side front and rear windows and slashed the driver's side rear and front tires, police reports stated.

Jerry Hickenbottom, 50, 229 Third St., reported to police that he was awakened to the sound of breaking glass at 12:25 a.m. Wednesday outside his residence. Hickenbottom told police he looked outside and observed the windshield was broken on a car and a man was exiting the back passenger side door, police reports stated.

Hickenbottom told police he heard the suspects talking and saw them get into an old Cadillac or an Oldsmobile and drive away. Police notified Lang, the owner of the 1987 Dodge Aries LE.

Damages were estimated at \$500 to replace the front and rear windshields, \$300 for the front and rear driver's side window and \$100 for the driver's side tires, police reports stated.

Susan Ilich, 22, 2500 Nantucket, reported to police that sometime on Saturday an unknown person slashed all four tires on her 1990 Plymouth Laser while it was parked near her residence. Damages to the four Bridgestone Radial tires was \$680, police reports stated.

JoAnn Brown, 19, 318 Carman Hall, reported to police between 5 p.m. on March 6 and 10 a.m. on March 7, someone shattered the windshield, the front drivers side window and mirror, and the passenger side front window of her 1985 Toyota Corolla, while it was parked at 1102 Sixth St., police reports stated.

Brown estimated the damages at \$400, police reports stated.

Margaret Welch, 21, 802 Jackson Ave., reported to police that sometime between 5:45 and 6:40 p.m. on March 7 someone put a deep scratch in the driver's side panel of her 1993 Pontiac Grand Am. The scratch ran the length of the car, police



reports stated.

Damages were estimated at \$300, police reports stated.

Melia M. Butler, 32, of 1001 Douglas Dr., reported finding her car with deep scratches in the glass of its passenger side window and a hole in its right front bumper.

Butler had parked the car in the parking lot south of the phase four building at 7:30 a.m. March 7 and returned to it at 3 p.m. that day.

In other city and campus police news;
■ Robert Tobias, 31, manager at McHugh's Double Drive Thru, reported to police that between 11:50 p.m. Saturday and 8:39 a.m. Sunday someone shattered the plexiglass on the menu board at McHugh's and pulled the screws on the board loose, police reports stated.

Damages were estimated between \$175 and \$200, police reports stated.

■ Randy Kramer, 26, manager at Long John Silver's at 102 E. Lincoln Ave., reported to police sometime between 11 p.m. Saturday and 8:20 a.m. Sunday, someone pushed in the plexiglass on the menu board at Long John Silver's. Damages to the board are unknown, police reports stated.

■ Christine Fasig, 26, of Mattoon, was cited at 4:24 p.m. Saturday in the 2400 block of 18th St. with possession of cannabis (under 2.5 grams), possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal transportation of alcohol and failure to wear a seat belt, police reports stated.

■ Derrick Griffin, 18, 1269 Harrison Ave., was cited with possession of cannabis (under 2.5 grams), operation of an uninsured vehicle, violation of restriction (corrective lenses) and failure to wear a seat belt, police reports stated.

Michael Drumm, 21, 1715 Madison Ave., was cited with possession of cannabis (under 2.5 grams) and failure to wear a seat belt, police report stated.

Both men were cited at 8:03 p.m. March 7 in the 600 block of 12th Street, police reports stated.



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Planting party

John Collins(left), the supervisor for the Ground Department of the Physical Plant, with the help of his co-worker, Larry Shobe, plants a tree on the back of Old Main in honor of his good work for the department Thursday morning.

Atlanta bomb witnesses sought

ATLANTA (AP) — The FBI said Thursday it is looking for nine people who were in Centennial Olympic Park just before a deadly bomb exploded there, hoping to talk to them as witnesses, not suspects.

FBI agent Woody Johnson, who heads the Atlanta office, displayed four photographs showing eight people, plus a sketch of another man described by witnesses as being near the bomb site before it went off last July.

Johnson said agents are publicizing the sketch and the photos now because of concerns over two recent bombings in Atlanta,

although it is still too early to say whether they are connected to the Olympic bombing. The photos were enhanced from videotapes or still photos taken by people in the park about the time of the bombing, he said, adding that agents have analyzed about 1,000 videos and 5,000 photos.

Asked if the new plea for help means agents have made little progress, Johnson said, "I view this thing very much like a thousand-piece puzzle. We are slowly filling it all in. However, we think we can move more rapidly if we put this information out and seek additional help from the public."

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Paul Bertsch, a member of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, from Terre Haute, Ind., talks to 20 students about Christian mission work Thursday night during the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship meeting in the Charleston Mandon Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Cosby murder details confirmed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Russian-born teen gunned down Bill Cosby's son in a random robbery attempt, police said Thursday, confirming his arrest came after a tipster went to the National Enquirer in hopes of claiming a \$100,000 reward.

Mikhail Markhasez, 18, who came to the United States eight years ago, acted alone and was not part of a Russian car theft ring, police Chief Willie L. Williams said during a news conference.

"This was a random stop as far as we know now," Williams said.

"There is no indication that there is any Russian gang or Russian mob ties at all."

"The motive was robbery," Williams said. "He passed by and

Mr. Cosby was just there." Williams also said investigators had seized the gun and the watch cap believed used in the Jan. 16 slaying of Ennis Cosby, who was shot by a roadside as he changed a tire on his \$130,000 Mercedes convertible.

He said those items were found last Friday after a thorough search of the area with help from recruits from the Los Angeles police academy.

"It has been identified as the gun that was used in the shooting of Mr. Cosby," Williams said.

The primary witness was a woman Ennis Cosby apparently was going to visit the night of the slaying. After Cosby got a flat tire, she went to the scene in her car and

came face to face with the suspect. Williams said her description of Markhasez was remarkably accurate.

As the chief spoke, Markhasez's mug shot and an artist's sketch made from a description provided by the witness were displayed side by side.

Markhasez, who was arrested Wednesday night at his suburban North Hollywood home, will be charged with one count of murder.

"We got a call on our Cosby reward tip line in January, within days of the killing," Enquirer editor Steve Coz said.

The tipster provided an Enquirer reporter with a pager number and the number and name were relayed to police.

Officials push for new prisons

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Rather than pour money into aging maximum-security prisons, Illinois needs to build new ones, state Corrections Director Odie Washington told a legislative panel Thursday.

The youngest maximum-security prison in Illinois is the Stateville Correctional Center, which opened in 1925, corrections officials told the House Prison Management Reform Committee.

The oldest is the Joliet Correctional Center, which opened in 1860. Some of the original cells are still being used.

Washington told lawmakers it is expensive to retool old buildings to accommodate state-of-the-art security systems, inmate housing and disciplinary areas.

"I think if we are going to make progress in the future, it is best to look at new design and new facilities as opposed to placing a tremendous amount of funds into old facilities," Washington said.

The committee was established last year to review operation of Illinois prisons in the wake of sex scandals, including illicit tapings of mass murderer Richard Speck having sex and allegedly doing drugs with other inmates.

In the past year, Washington said, the Corrections Department has instituted tougher drug testing of inmates and employees and has hired outside experts to evaluate the system.

However, Washington and Rep. Tom Dart, D-Chicago, differed on whether prisons were safer.

Teacher Education seats up for grabs

Editor's note: This is the seventh story in a series focusing on candidates in the faculty elections.

By THERESA GAVLIN
Staff editor

Three faculty members are running for positions on the Council on Teacher Education for the faculty elections on March 26 and 27.

James McGaughey, an assistant professor of botany and Sandra Schroeder, an assistant professor of student teaching, are vying for the at-large position on the council.

The council oversees decisions made concerning each of the teacher certification programs on Eastern's campus, McGaughey said.

The council works closely with the dean of education and professional studies and with all of the colleges that offer teacher certifications.

"This is probably one of the most important positions on campus," McGaughey said.

One of the council's main purposes is to discuss education issues involving Eastern's campus and review the proposals made for changes in teacher certification programs, McGaughey said.

The council is often asked to review student appeals, such as if a student has not been accepted to Eastern's teacher program, they can choose to appeal.

McGaughey said he has a few ideas on how to help the council become a stronger body.

"I think an overall theme that we've got to start to consider is there probably needs to be some

changes made in teacher certification programs," McGaughey said. This stems from national programs recently being developed in the field of education, he said.

He said programs should not rely as much on past practice, but to mainly look at what's important for those teaching kids at the turn of the century.

McGaughey was elected to the council once before, and was not re-elected. He said he wanted to run again because he knows what the job entails and thinks he would be a good at the job.

"I've got a good idea of what goes on at the meetings," McGaughey said.

He said he has been working with teacher certification since 1990. He coordinated a masters of science in education of biological sciences, worked for the state board of education for five years as a consultant and was a teacher.

"I'm anxious to serve on this council again because it's something I feel I know something about," McGaughey said.

Schroeder was unavailable for comment.

Christine McCormick, a professor of psychology, applied for the position to run at-large on the council, but was withdrawn because the council's bylaws state the at-large member must be from the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Christy Hooser, an instructor for special education, is running uncontested for a position to represent the special education department. Hooser was unavailable for comment.

Mayoral candidates to discuss qualifications

Over spring break the mayoral candidates will be the featured speakers at the regular monthly meeting of the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce, according to a press release.

At noon on March 21, incumbent Dan Cougill and candidate Henry Bough will present their platforms at Stix Restaurant & Banquet Facility, 1412 Fourth St. The candidates will give opening statements and then answer questions from the audience.

The meeting will be conducted just 10 days before the Municipal Elections on April 1.

A special area of concentration this election is the change to the city manager form of government, which was approved by about 62 percent of voters in the November election. This change will take effect after the April 1 election.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting, and pre-registration is required.

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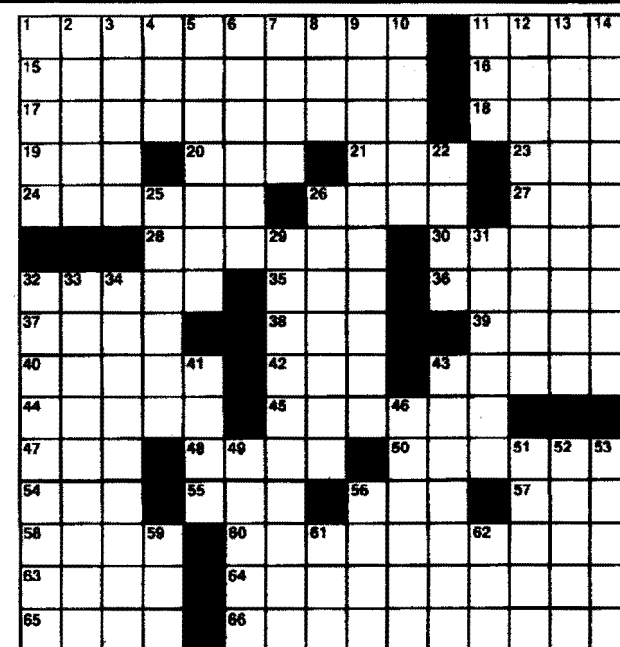
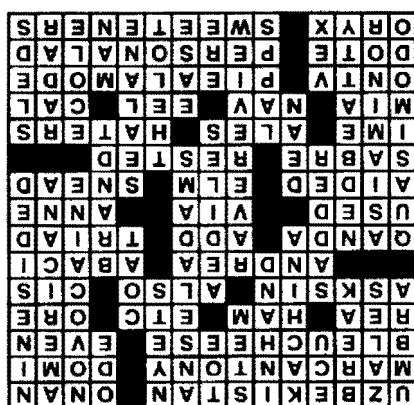
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White Sox, Cardinals win spring training games

White Sox 4, Tigers 1

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Wilson Alvarez pitched six shutout innings and Chris Snopce hit a two-run homer Thursday to lift the Chicago White Sox to a 4-1 exhibition win over the Detroit Tigers.

Alvarez (3-1) scattered four hits, walked two and struck out four in his longest outing of the

spring.

Tony Castillo relieved in the seventh and pitched two innings, giving up a run on two hits. Roberto Hernandez retired Detroit in order in the ninth inning to earn his first save of the spring.

The White Sox took a 2-0 lead in the third inning against Tigers starter Justin Thompson (1-1). Chad Kreuter led off with a walk and went to third on Ozzie

Guillen's double. Tony Phillips grounded out, which allowed Kreuter to score, and Dave Martinez's sacrifice fly brought Guillen home.

After Snopce's home run gave Chicago a 4-0 lead in the seventh inning, the Tigers scored their only run in the eighth.

Tony Mitchell hit a leadoff double and went to third base on Deivi Cruz's groundout. Tim Hyers fol-

lowed with an RBI single.

Cardinals 4, Indians 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Ron Gant hit a two-run homer off Orel Hershisier, giving him 10 RBIs this spring, and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Cleveland Indians 4-1 Thursday.

Gant's fifth-inning homer was his second of the spring. Brian Jordan had an RBI single in the

third, and Tom Lampkin added an RBI single off the side of pitcher Alan Embree.

Hershisier hit a run-scoring single with two outs in the fifth for Cleveland, which has lost nine of 12 following a 4-0 start.

Hershisier gave up four runs and seven hits in 4 2-3 innings. The Cardinals' Alan Benes gave up one hit in three innings and fanned four.

FIELDS

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The finals of the Illinois High School Association are this weekend — small schools only. The larger schools will square off next weekend, with both tournaments being played at Carver Arena in Peoria.

Earlier this week, 16 teams were left in Class A basketball. Two of them, Madison H.S. near East St. Louis, and Carmi-White County, not too far from the Ohio River, squared off Tuesday in Lantz Gym to see which team from the Sweet 16 field would go on to Peoria and become one of the Elite Eight.

It was nice to see the place actually have a decent crowd in it for a change. Dave Kidwell, Eastern's sports information director, said that 3,124 folks piled into Lantz to watch two teams go at it.

With both teams competing, it was great to feel the electricity of the fans rooting for their teams. Being here for almost four years, I can attest that you sure don't find that type of energy in Lantz that often.

Then again, this contest for these boys was their Big Dance. After this game, only one more matchup would stand between them and the high school version of the

Final Four.

Only one school could move on, and it was Madison. The team piled onto each other at mid-court after the final buzzer. One lanky kid was even doing his "raise the roof" impression, an imitated sign taken from the pro and college ranks by pumping both arms upwards.

But after the game, Madison coach Al Collins put it all in perspective. When asked about some turnovers his team had earlier in the game, Collins replied, "Those things happen — they're kids."

Collins' point was on target. As much as

these prep players want to act and play like the older boys, they'll still make mistakes. Fortunately, the pressure for these 17 and 18-year-olds aren't as great as those three, four and five years older than them.

It's just a game, and that's all it is. Unfortunately, there's the reality that college hoops is also a business.

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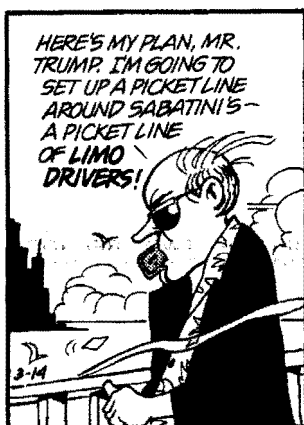
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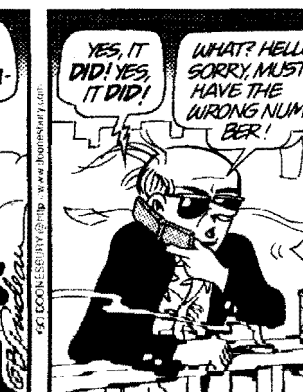
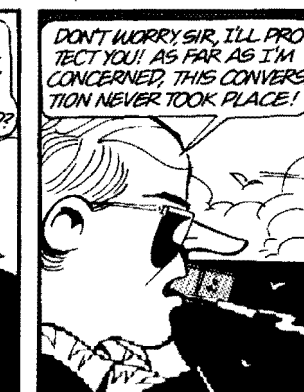
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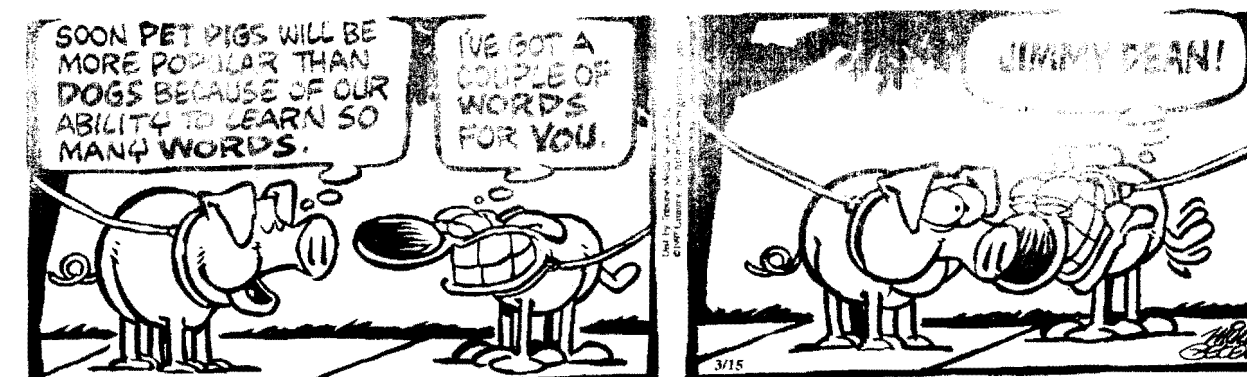
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Kansas wins, Illinois State upset bid fails

Kansas 78, Jackson State 64

Scot Pollard, coming back from a broken foot, grabbed a career-high 19 rebounds to go with six blocks and 12 points in top-ranked Kansas' victory over Jackson State.

Pollard, All-American Raef LaFrentz and Paul Pierce overwhelmed 16th-seeded Jackson State. LaFrentz had 18 points, 14 rebounds and three blocks, and Pierce had 19 points, 13 rebounds and four blocks as Kansas (33-1) had a 61-27 rebounding advantage.

Iowa State 69, Illinois State 57

Kelvin Cato scored a career-high 29 points, had 12 rebounds and broke a Midwest Regional record with eight blocks, leading Iowa State past Illinois State. Dedric Willoughby added 21 points for the sixth-seeded Cyclones (21-8).

Rico Hill led Illinois State

(24-6) with 14 points, and Dan Muller added 12.

Boston College 73, Valparaíso 66

Bevan Thomas came off the bench to score 11 of his 16 points in the second half as BC overcame a long-range shooting barrage by Bryce Drew. Danya Abrams also scored 16 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for the fifth-seeded Eagles.

Drew, the sharpshooting son of coach Homer Drew, scored 27 points, including 8-of-12 3-pointers. But he was shut down by a smothering box-and-one defense through most of the second half, when he was held to

West Regional:

Boston Col. 73, Valpo 66
St. Joseph's 75, Pacific 65
Kentucky 92, Montana 54
Iowa v. Virginia (late)

eight points.

Villanova 101, LIU 91

LIU, the nation's highest scoring team, got a lesson in fast-paced basketball. The fourth-seeded Wildcats (24-9) used an 8-0 run to end the first half and a 19-1 barrage in the opening 3 1/2 minutes of the second half to blitz the Blackbirds.

Freshman Tim Thomas had 28 points and 15 rebounds, while Jason Lawson added 21 points, 12 rebounds and seven blocks. Charles Jones, the nation's leading scorer, had 37 to lead No. 13 seed LIU, which made just 14-of-42 3-point attempts and shot

Southeast Regional:

Kansas 78, Jackson St. 64
Purdue 83, Rhode Is. 76 (OT)
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Arizona v. So. Alabama (late)

33.7 percent from the field.

Purdue 83, Rhode Island 76, OT

Brad Miller had a career-high 31 points and eight rebounds and Purdue scored the first six points in overtime.

Freshman Brian Cardinal, whose 3-pointer with 16 seconds left in regulation forced OT, hit the first basket in the extra period, and Purdue (18-11) never trailed again.

The Rams (20-9) had their chances to win in regulation.

But Tyson Wheeler's leaner bounced off, and Michael Andersen missed the follow before the buzzer.

East Regional:

Cal. 55, Princeton 52
Villanova 101, Long Is. U. 91
North Carolina 82, Fairfield 74
Indiana v. Colorado (late)

Cincinnati 86, Butler 69

Darnell Burton carried the Bearcats until All-American Danny Fortson got untracked. Burton scored 19 points, including five 3-pointers, and Cincinnati used a 22-5 first-half run to beat Butler.

Fortson led the third-seeded Bearcats (26-7) with 24 points - 16 in the second half.

After leading 39-17 at the intermission, Cincinnati built its margin as high as 25 in the second half. Butler cut the lead to 78-67 in the waning seconds, but it was far too late by then.

OVC teams look to make impact in NCAA tournaments

Murray State has tough first round against Blue Devils

By BRIAN LESTER
Sports editor

Murray State head coach Mark Gottfried is no stranger to the NCAA tournament. After all, he was an assistant at UCLA when the Bruins won the National Championship in 1995.

But unlike the 1995 season when the Bruins were clearly a favorite, his Racer team will take an underdog status into its Friday night 10:05 p.m. showdown with two-time national champion Duke University in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. The game will be played in Charlotte.

Gottfried, whose team knocked off Austin Peay to earn the Ohio Valley Conference's automatic bid, said his experience will only play a small part, in how he prepares his team for Friday's showdown with the Blue Devils.

"It (experience) may help a little bit, but our guys have to recognize that they are a good team and we just have to play the game."

"We're excited about playing and we have evaluated our team and their team,"

Gottfried said. "They (Duke) don't have a Tim Duncan or a Danny Fortson, and our guys have some pride so we'll be ready to compete."

But while Gottfried has experience coaching in the tournament, having to play Duke in its home state of North Carolina will not be an easy task.

"I think that will be a big advantage for them," Gottfried said in reference to the fact Duke will be playing in its home state. "Their fans are going to eat up every extra ticket available and that place will be painted Blue-Devil Blue."

Blue Devil head coach Mike Krzyzewski said the late start on Friday night troubles him.

"It's going to be tough because we're not going to get out of the gym until after 1 a.m., and then if we win, we'll have turn right around and play early Sunday," Krzyzewski said.

"You may as well forget Saturday because we won't be able to practice."

Duke, which finished 23-8 overall and 12-4 in the Atlantic Coastal Conference, has been paced all season by the offensive punch of Trajan Langden.

Langden is averaging a team-best 14.5 points per outing and scored a career-high 34 points against Clemson in mid-February.

Langden is also a threat from beyond the arc, as he has connected on 45 percent of his three-point attempts.

Lady Colonels make first tourney appearance against Lady Bulldogs

By MATT WILSON
Staff writer

The Lady Colonels of Eastern Kentucky will be making their first ever appearance in the NCAA women's basketball tournament this year, and their opponent will not be an easy one.

Eastern Kentucky will have the tough task of playing against last year's NCAA tournament runner up Georgia in the first round of the NCAA tournament at 8 p.m. Friday on the Lady Bulldogs' home floor.

"Georgia has a definite advantage because they have the home crowd, get to sleep in their own beds and play in familiar surroundings," Lady Colonel head coach Larry Inman said.

Besides being the 1996 tourney runner up, Georgia is currently ranked fifth in the country and has remained as one of the top seven teams in the nation throughout the year.

"The biggest thing is to get films and prepare scouting for our opponent," Inman said. "An important thing will be our mental set. This is (our players') first time to the NCAA tournament, and I talked to

them about that. Playing a team at their home site, we have to take the initiative and go on the attack first."

The Lady Colonels got into the tournament by edging out Tennessee Tech University in the finals of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament 69-65.

Georgia lost in the first round of the Southeastern Conference tournament to Auburn 75-47 after being crowned the SEC regular-season champion with an 11-2 conference record.

Eastern Kentucky won the OVC regular-season championship with a 16-2 record. The Colonels ended up with a 26-5 overall record.

The Lady Bulldogs will be led into the game by Associated Press and Coaches' All-SEC first-team selection senior guard Kendra Holland-Corn.

Holland-Corn is one of two Georgia players to score over 400 points this year, as she has scored 461 points. She is also one of three Lady Bulldogs to boast a double-digit average (17.1 ppg).

Holland-Corn is also the leading three-point shooter on the team, making 68 out of 176 attempts.

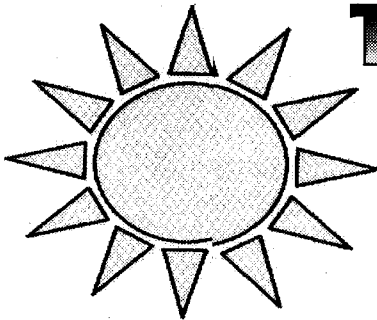
She is second on the team in assists with 109, but she also leads the team in turnovers with 77. She has gotten the most steals on the team with 104. Her 3.9 steals per game is tops in the Southeastern Conference.

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Panther track teams prepare for Alabama relays

Men's team begins meet this weekend

By TONI SCHWARTZ
Staff Writer

The Eastern men's track team will compete in the Alabama relays this weekend for the first meet of the outdoor season.

The events to be competed in are the 400 meter hurdles, the 10,000 meter relay, steeple chase, javelin, hammer and discus throw.

Eastern runners to watch are Todd Moroney, Dave Astrauskus and Rich Arsenault. Moroney is a two time Mid-Continent Conference Champion in the steeple chase, and Astrauskus is a class AA finalist in discus. Rich

Arsenault has a great deal of outdoor season eligibility as well.

According to the Eastern men's track coach, Tom Akers, both Astrauskus and Arsenault will be competing in the outdoor season for their first time with Eastern.

One runner Eastern has to look out for is National Champion Lance Johnson. Johnson was also an Olympian.

The expectations the team has for their first time out are that the meet will provide them with a couple days to train for the outdoor season, and it will give them an idea of how they compare to other teams. They also hope to stay healthy and compete in decent weather.

The Alabama relay is split into two days. Friday will cover the individual events which are non-scored and Saturday will be the relay which is scored as a meet.

The individual events will provide the runners with their seed, or entry times in order to rank them for relays held the next day.

The Panthers have an Ohio Valley Conference championship under their belts, but that accomplishment does not carry over to the outdoor season.

"There is an added pressure now that the team has won the indoor season," Akers said. "They have to learn how to compete outdoors. In conference we knew what we were up against but now the new challenge is figuring out what the other teams are like outside."

Teams from Louisiana State University, Tennessee, the OVC and many others will be competing in Alabama.

Eastern's next meet will be on March 29 at Western Illinois University or Purdue. Whether Eastern competes at either of these meets depends on how well they do in Alabama.

Women's team competes after spring break

By DENISE RENFRO
Staff writer

The first meet of the outdoor track and field season will begin March 22-25 at the Alabama Relays.

The women's track team will join the men's team in Alabama to compete with schools from the Ohio Valley Conference and some Big Ten schools as well.

"A lot of teams compete, people come from all over the Midwest," head coach John Craft said. "It's a tough meet; everyone goes down there to get good weather and get their seasons off to a good start," Craft said.

Craft said teams from Middle

Tennessee, Southeast Missouri State and Eastern Kentucky may be present at the meet to compete from the OVC.

"We're looking to get off to a good start as a team in the warm weather," Craft said.

The team will leave on Wednesday at 7 a.m. for the meet.

Serra Morton will not compete in the meet this weekend as she is recovering from knee surgery. Tiffany Cheatham is injured but will attempt to run in the meet.

Jonica Craft will come off of the injury list during indoor track to compete in the long jump and sprint events.

Also Tisha Alvarez, who competes in throwing events, will be back for the Panthers after exhausting her eligibility for the indoor track season.

The following weekend, March 29-30, the track team will compete at Purdue University.

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.253. Eastern is ranked fifth in the OVC with a .269 batting average.

The Skyhawks are led in hitting by senior infielder Brad Warmath, who has 10 hits in 32 at bats. Of his 10 hits, Warmath has three doubles and a home run.

Another big hitter for the Skyhawks is senior catcher Erik Morgan who has 10 hits in 33 at bats. Morgan leads the team in runs batted in with 11, his average of 1.4 per game is good enough for third place in the conference.

The pitching staff for the Skyhawks is ranked second to last in the conference with a 6.78 earned run average. The pitcher with the most innings for the Skyhawks is senior Matthew Barnett, who has pitched 16.2 innings. He has an 0-3 record and has a 7.56 ERA.

"We don't know much about Tennessee-Martin, but its open conference play and we're ranked seventh and they're ranked ninth," Schmitz said.

After the Tennessee-Martin game, the Panthers head off to Oklahoma to face Oklahoma University and Oral Roberts University.

"What I coach here is that we don't play baseball against another team and Oklahoma is no different than Olivet," Schmitz said. "Right now Tennessee-Martin is on the top of our list, and the goal of the team is to play well in the conference, and if we do that and win the conference and have to end up playing a team like Miami, FL we'll worry about that then."

The Sooners (9-6) have hit in double figures every game but two and have a

.389 batting average at home. Opponents are only hitting .277 against Sooners pitching.

The leading hitter for Oklahoma is senior catcher Javier Flores who has 30 hits and 19 RBI. The pitching staff is led by freshman Richard Parks who has a 3-0 record and a 4.41 ERA.

The final games of the road trip will be three games against Oral Roberts University (12-8).

"Right now we're an up and down ball club," Golden Eagle assistant coach Scott Marr said. "We haven't been that consistent so we just want to go out and play hard and execute. Hit bunts, field ground balls and just do the little things that we're not doing right now."

The Golden Eagles are led in hitting by junior infielder Ron Soratos who has

30 hits in 65 at bats for a batting average of .352. Right behind him is junior first baseman Brian Dinsmore who has 27 hits in 77 at bats for an average of .351.

The pitching staff is led by junior Derek Dixon who brings in a 2-2 record and a 4.25 ERA. He has 28 hits while striking out 19 and walking 12. Another key hurler for Oral Roberts is junior Josh Frisby. In 38 innings pitched Frisby has a 4-3 record and a 4.74 ERA.

Marr said that pitching and fielding are the keys to the team.

"The strengths of our team are pitching and defense," he said. "We started a little slow on the mound but we're better now and we have a better defense. We made some changes in the infield that helped but we still haven't come over that hump offensively."

NATIONALS

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to weigh-in each day before competition.

"It shouldn't have that much of an effect," Hughes said. "Our energy level will be higher but so will everybody else's."

The Panthers leave for the tournament next Tuesday and the seedings are not determined until all the teams arrive but McCausland said his Panthers will be prepared for whoever their opponent is.

"You don't know what will unfold until the brackets are revealed," McCausland said. "I think we've seen basically everybody in the country as we've gone through the season."

McCausland is looking for Stringer and Wells to "release their abilities" and earn points for the team, while he has higher expectations of Hughes.

With Hughes' being ranked No. 4 in the nation, McCausland said he can emerge as the 158 pound champion, because anything can happen at the national tournament, citing that one point can be the difference many matches. On the other hand, Hughes isn't going into the tournament licking his chops for a national title.

"Placing first, I don't know," Hughes said. "I try to keep a positive outlook but it's going to be very tough to place first."

CAROLINA

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Three freshman, catcher Gina Arnold, infielder Kathy Casey and infielder/pitcher Samantha Iuli hit .325, .333, .318 respectively last season.

The Flames will also return all of last year's pitching staff. Last year the Illinois-Chicago hurlers posted a team ERA of 2.15. They gave up 175 runs but struck out 172 batters. Though opponents hit just .235 against them, the opposition's slugging percentage was .321.

The Lady Panthers follow up Monday's action with a game against Bucknell. Thursday

the team travels from Myrtle Beach, S.C. to Rock Hill, SC to play two games, one against Dayton, the second against Winthrop. From Friday to Sunday, the team will compete in a tournament hosted by Winthrop.

Despite the large number of games in a small amount of time, Eastern head coach Stephanie Fox is not worried about how her team will handle things.

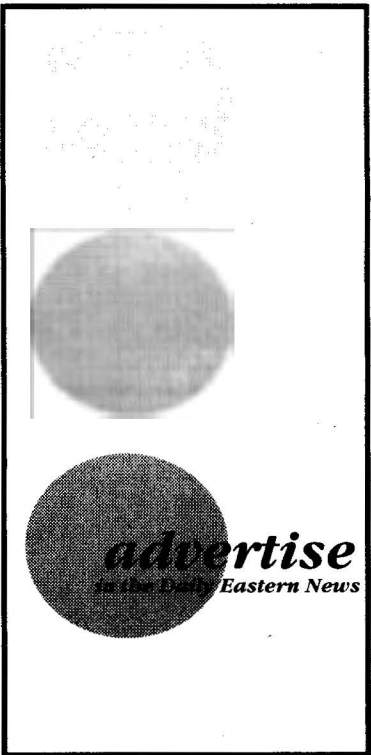
"It's a lot of games, but I think we'll stay focused," Eastern head coach Stephanie Fox said. "The teams we're playing are all good

teams, but I think we're a good team. If we play well I think we have a shot of doing well out there."

Fox's concerns lean more towards preventing further injuries and healing those players already hurt.

"I'm worried about staying healthy more than anything," Fox said. "I'm hoping Mandy will be able to pitch some for us. If she needs the time off, we'll let her do that."

Freshman infielder Lindsay Klockenga believes the trip will help the team come together.



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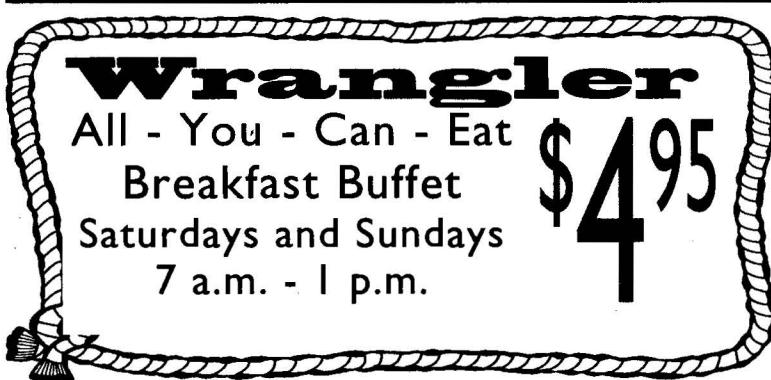


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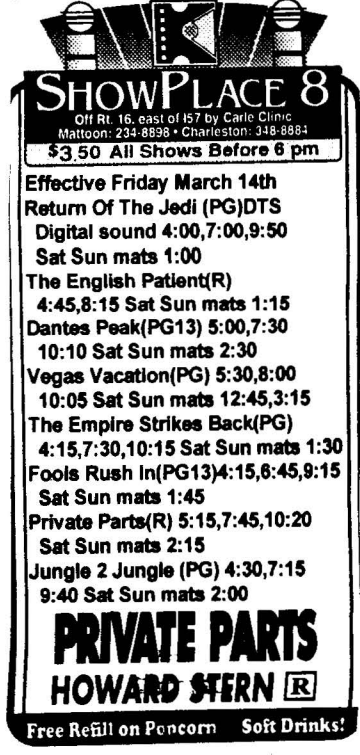
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Sports



Dan Fields
Staff writer

High School basketball still a 'game'

What was once a simple game has now evolved into an entertainment gala.

Starting with Dr. James Naismith's peach basket at the Springfield, Mass. YMCA, there's really no argument that basketball has come a long way.

But because of all the hype and hoopla (pun intended), have we forgotten that, yes, it's just a game?

These days, it could be easily mistaken as an industry.

Corporate sponsors, oddsmakers and others have latched on to a game that, arguably, will become the new National Pastime (if it hasn't already).

Long ago, the National Invitational Tournament used to be The Big Dance. At that time, the only pools around were those in someone's backyard. How times have changed.

Now, it seems that everyone and their brother is asking you to cough up a few bucks to submit an entry for the month-long NCAA Tournament. Even ESPN has a pool running at their web site (except it's one of the few that are free).

But with all the entertainment surrounding the game, it's refreshing to see not college players, but college hopefuls also at this time of the year.

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TIP OFF TIME

Today's NCAA Tournament Games

East Regional:

Wisconsin v. Texas (11:15)
S. Carolina v. Coppin St.*
Old Dominion v. N. Mexico*
UMass v. Louisville*

Southeast Regional:

Georgia v. UT-Chatt. (11:30)
USC v. Illinois*
Marquette v. Providence*
Duke v. Murray State*

Midwest Regional:

Clemson v. Miami, OH (11:25)
Tulsa v. Boston U.*
Temple v. Mississippi*
Minnesota v. SW Texas St.*

West Regional:

G'town v. UNC-Char. (1:42)
Utah v. Navy*
Wake Forest v. St. Mary's*
Stanford v. Oklahoma*

* game starts 30 minutes after previous game ends

Baseball team opens OVC schedule

By **MATT WILSON**
Staff writer

The Panther baseball team begins Ohio Valley Conference play this weekend as they take on the University of Tennessee-Martin at 1:00 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday at Monier Field.

Saturday the teams will play a doubleheader while Sunday they will just play one game.

"We feel really good; we've won our last five games and we have a good lineup," Panther head coach Jim Schmitz said. "Yesterday was a very positive game for us even though behind the scenes we did some things wrong; we got the games in. Our players are feeling confident, and we're going into the conference season feeling good."

The Skyhawks enter the contests with a record of 2-7, while Eastern is going in at the .500 mark with a 5-5 record.

Martin already has three conference games under its belt, all of them against Murray State. The Skyhawks lost their home-opener to the Racers 17-5 and lost 7-0 in the first game of a double header on March 8. They came back to win the second game by a 10-1 count.

Tennessee-Martin is currently ranked seventh in the conference in team hitting with an average of

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Eastern catcher Nolan Lofgren slides into second base for a steal during Wednesday's doubleheader against Olivet-Nazarene. The Panthers swept the twin-bill winning 3-2 and 10-3. Saturday, the Panthers will open their first Ohio Valley Conference schedule against Tennessee-Martin. The Panthers then travel to Texas and Oklahoma over spring break.

Softball team heads to South Carolina

By **DREW GRANGER**
Staff writer

The Lady Panther softball team will hit the road and head south over spring break for a series of games in South Carolina.

The first of two games on Monday will send the 4-2 Lady Panthers against the 3-8 Lady Chanticlears of Coastal Carolina.

Coastal Carolina is led in hitting by short-stop Kacee Crumpacker, who is hitting .457 with 16 hits in 35 at bats. She has started all 11 games for the Lady Chanticlears.

After Crumpacker, the Lady Chanticlear's batting average falls off. Jessica Falca, second base, is the next best hitter for Coastal Carolina. Falca has posted an average of .270.

As a team Coastal Carolina is batting .226 this season.

The Lady Panthers top hitter this season is senior outfielder Jen Cherveney. In six games

of action, Cherveney is batting .522. She has scored five of the teams 21 runs batting in the lead-off slot.

The next best hitter of the daily players is freshman outfielder Adrienne Noll. Noll has hit safely on eight of 17 at bats for an average of .471. Batting in the No. 2 slot, Noll has also scored five runs for the team.

Other than these two, the Lady Panthers have four other players batting over .300. The team batting average for Eastern is .307.

Pitching is another strong point for the Lady Panthers. Freshman Sara Delaere and sophomore Stacy Siebert both have earned run averages under 2.00. The highest ERA on the team comes from injured junior pitcher Mandy White. White has an ERA of 2.76, but is undefeated this season with two wins in three starts.

As a group the Eastern pitchers have allowed just 29 hits in six games. Opponents

are batting .200 against the Panther pitching staff.

For Coastal Carolina, Haley Smith has the lowest ERA. Smith has an ERA of 2.10 in one appearance. She has thrown two wild pitches, given up four hits, two walks and has no strike outs.

Sara Norwood has made the most appearances for the Lady Chanticlears. In seven trips to the mound, she has amassed an ERA of 3.50, given up 27 hits, allowed 23 runs, 14 earned, walked 12 batters and struck out 10. The team ERA for Coastal Carolina is 3.09, and teams are hitting .286 against them.

In Monday's second game Eastern will play the Flames of the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Illinois-Chicago is coming off a sub-.500 season in which they went 13-17. The Flames return their three top hitters from last season.

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Eastern's wrestlers ready for national tourney

By **CHAD MERDA**
Staff writer

Throughout the season, head Panther wrestling coach Ralph McCausland has been looking for a steady improvement from his wrestlers.

At the NCAA West Regional, Dave Pena (118, 17-3), John Wells (134, 16-9), Tim Stringer (142, 18-7) and Matt Hughes (158, 34-2) improved all the way to the NCAA Championships to be held on March 20-22.

They make up four in the field of 330 wrestlers and 79 teams that will be competing. The four Panthers have been preparing since they got back from the team's second-place

“Placing first, I don't know. I try to keep a positive outlook, but it's going to be very tough to place first.”

— **Matt Hughes**
Panther national qualifier

finish at the regional last week, and McCausland said the intensity of the practices will start tapering off as the tournament draws closer.

"The guys are in shape physically, but mentally is what we need to work on," McCausland said.

Last year's finish of 32nd in

the nation is the team's best under McCausland, but they are looking to improve on that.

"We should be around 20th," Hughes said. "If we wrestle like we can we'll place higher."

McCausland agrees with Hughes.

"It all depends on our performance there," McCausland said. "We're in a situation to better our performance by a mile from last year."

Hughes is making his second trip as a Panther, last year placing eighth in the nation and finishing as an All-American. Prior to joining the Panthers, Hughes and Wells made it to the junior college nationals twice and both earned All-American status in their two appearances. Stringer

made one appearance in junior college but was injured and unable to finish.

"For Pena it's his third trip and he knows what it's all about," McCausland said. "It's just another tournament. They have to take one match at a time."

Pena, a senior, is shooting for a top eight finish, which would make him an All-American for the first time in his career. In his previous appearances at the national tourney his record is 3-4.

This is the first year of a new weigh-in rule where the wrestlers only have to weigh-in once for the duration of the tournament. In the past they had

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